



Her Maiesties most excellent Maiestie considering that the great & horrible conspiracies, treasons, and rebellions lately practised, attempted, and with open action prosecuted in the north partes of her highnesses Realme by the Earles of Northumberlande and Westmerland, and others their confederates, contrary to the commaundement of Almightye God, and their duties of alleageaunce to their naturall and most vndoubted Soueraigne Ladie and Queene, and to the great disturbing of the common quiet and peace of this Realme of England, their native countrey, be by the great goodnesse of Almightye God, her Maiesties great prouidence, and the faithfull seruice of her true and loyall subiectes, discovered, frustrated, and utterly suppressed. And vnderstandyng by her right trusty and

ryght welbeloued cousin the Earle of Sussex, her Maiesties lieftenaunt generall of those north partes, that sundrye of the meener sort of such as did forcibly and rebelliously assist the sayd rebellious Earles in their trayterous attemptes, haue by the marshall lawe suffered paynes of death accordyng to their iust desertes, and to the terrour and example of others, and that great numbers of her Maiesties common people that were like offenders in that rebellion, do earnestly repent, and be grieuously sorry for their heynous offences past, and do bewaile and lament their vnhappy and miserable estate, and be fully perswaded and earnestly bent to bee from hencefoorth faithfull, loyall, and dutifull subiectes to her Maiestie, if it might please her highnesse of her royall clemencie to graunt to them their liues and her gracious pardon for their offences past, and to receaue them to her grace, in such sort as may best please her Maiestie, for the which they wyll acknowledge themselves bound to her Maiestie, as her true and naturall subiects, and as persons that haue receaued their liues and beinges from her highnesse as the minister of Almightye God, for the which they bee bounde by double bande to serue her Maiestie saythfully and truly during the continuance of their liues to come, and to spende in her seruice that which from her clemencie they haue receiued. Like as when her Maiesty looketh vpon their greuous offences and detestable actions practised and executed in this rebellion against her Maiestie, hauyng neuer geuen to them or any other of her subiects (as is well knowne) any occasion to neglect their duties in such sort as they haue done, shee is by their vnnaturall dealinges moued to thinke every of them vnworthy to receiue any drop of her mercie and grace: So her most excellent Maiestie neuertheless laying apart that rigour wherunto they haue iustly prouoked her, and following that naturall inclination that she hath euer been disposed vnto in shewing of mercie, and hoping therewith vpon report made to her highnesse, that the common sort of her subiectes lately in this rebellion, doe in deede see howe wickedly they haue bene seduced, and do know and repent from the bottome of their hearts their offences towarde God and her Maiestie, and wyll from hencefoorth be saythfull and true subiectes to her Maiestie: doth by this her Maiesties Proclamation, graunt and giue her free pardon of lyfe to all and every such of her subiectes within the Counties of Yorke, Durisme, Northumberlande, Cumberlande, and Westmerland, who neither hath at this present, nor heretofore hath had any landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes of any estate of inheritance, and that they, and every of them, as aboue is sayde, shall remaine and continue without any arrest, vexation or disturbaunce to bee done by any of her Maiesties officers, and ministers, or any other person to their bodies or goodes, so that every such subiect do repaire to the saide Earle of Sussex her Maiesties Lieftenaunt, and other her highnesses Commissioners appoynted for those causes, within fourtie dayes next after the publication hereof, and doe submit himselfe to all such orders and directions as by the said Commissioners shalbe appointed. Whereupon every such subiect shall receiue a note in writing vnder the handes of the sayde lieftenaunt and other the sayd Commissioners, or thre of them, testifying his submission, which shall be a sufficient waraunt to the Lord keper of the great seale of Englande for passing of his pardon vnder the great seale, without any further speciall byll or warraunt to bee obtained for the same from her Maiestie, so as he do sue out the same within thre moneths after the date of the same note.

Provided alwayes, that this her Maiesties pardon do not extende to any person nowe out of the Realme, or in prison, or committed to the custodie of any person, or deliuered vpon baile, promise, or other to appeare at any day or tyme: nor to any person that hath had (as aboue is sayd) any landes tenementes, or hereditaments, of any state of inheritance.

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God saue the Queene.

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